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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: PA Hunt Cup

DATE: 11/01/20

WEATHER: Rain, 52°

COURSE CONDITION:

Compaction: soft

Moisture: wet

CLERK OF SCALES: Mary Guessford

STARTER: Burley Vannotte

STEWARDS: Gus Brown

Charles Flesichmann

Gregg Morris

Doris Paxson, Safety Steward

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

On the Saturday preceding the races, the Stewards met with the clerk of the course and race director to inspect the course, in light of the significant rain that had fallen during the week. Based on the water logged condition of the course in the Weymouth property, it was determined that the course for the Pa Hunt Cup would be modified and run using only the inner loop, jumping eighteen fences. A notice was sent by the NSA office on Saturday afternoon to all participants in that race.

Both the Official's Meeting and the Jockey's Meeting took place at the advertised time.

The # 7 horse (Hanno) in Race 3 was randomly chosen by the Stewards for pre-race TCO2 testing. During pre-race veterinary examinations, Pac yer Tack (J Sheppard, trainer) was presented to the veterinarian with timber bandages already applied. The Stewards, after consulting with the examining veterinarian, determined that the bandages would need to be removed, per published NSA policy, and the horse was re-presented to the veterinary staff without bandages.

Race 1: HAJAJAY pulled up before the 10th fence. HIGHWAY PRINCE (IRE) pulled up before the 11th fence. WORZEL GUMMIDGE (IRE) lost jockey Alex Leventhal at the 12th fence. Leventhal was cleared to ride by the course physician. EL JEFE GRANDE and PACK YER TACK both pulled up prior to fence 14. SHOOTIST (ridden by Tom Gardner), who crossed the finish line 2nd, appeared to jump across the path of SIDELING HILL (ridden by Darren Nagle) who crossed the finish line 4th. The Stewards posted a Stewards Inquiry. No claim of foul was lodged. After reviewing all available

footage, it was unclear whether the outcome was affected and no change was made by the Stewards.

Race 2: ROCKET STAR RED lost rider Sean McDermott at the 4th fence. McDermott was cleared to ride by the course physician. COASTAL MOON pulled up after the 7th fence. SPOILER ALERT pulled up before the 10th fence. RENEGADE RIVER stumbled and fell while in contention in the turn between the 3rd last and 2nd last. Jockey Tom Garner was cleared by the course physician. RENEGADE RIVER was down for a brief time, but was able to walk back to the stable area under his own power and was reported to be fine by the veterinary staff.

Race 3: Prior to this race, the beacons on both the north and south turns were moved out to give the runners fresh ground. JEFFERY G. pulled up after the 4th fence. LE CHEVALIER fell at the 11th fence. Jockey Sean McDermott was assisted back to the medical tent by the emergency team, and was not cleared by the course physician. HANNO pulled up before the 13th fence. SUPER SATURDAY pulled up prior to the 16th fence. GRAND MANAN pulled up before the 18th fence. Entering the turn after jumping the 16th fence, it was evident that an incident had occurred involving the 3rd place finisher STAND DOWN (Eddie Keating, jockey), as well as the winner MYSTIC STRIKE (Tom Garner, jockey) and the 2nd place horse, CURVE OF STONES (Barry Foley, jockey). A Steward's Inquiry was posted. There was no objection lodged. After interviewing the parties it was determined that the video was inconclusive and the race was made official with no change to the order of finish.

Race 4: Prior to this race, the beacons on the south turn were again moved out to give the runners fresh ground. The jockeys were gathered prior to the running of this apprentice jockey race and notified of the course change and asked to make note on the way to the start. SCHERZO was a late scratch due to ground conditions.

Race 5: The jockeys were gathered prior to the running of this apprentice jockey race and notified of the course change and asked to make note on the way to the start. FEARSOME (GB) was a late scratch due to ground conditions.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

The Stewards would like to thank and commend the Race Committee for another successful race meet and would also like to thank the horsemen for keeping the day running on schedule and in a timely fashion. The addition of the testing stalls adjacent to the jogging area was well laid out and helpful to both horseman and officials. This was a particularly trying day due to the current COVID protocols and the weather conditions. Both horseman and the race committee should be commended for putting on a great day of racing.

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